GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ADULTERATION IN THE LPG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints regarding less weight and adulteration in the LPG received by the Government during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to fit computer chips on the LPG cylinders to remove the said complaints;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the name of the agency to bear the cost of the said chips and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the reasons for not bearing the cost of the said chips by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have not reported any complaints regarding adulteration in LPG cylinders in the country during the last three years. However, OMCs have reported 176 cases of complaints of supply of underweight cylinders to consumers by their LPG distributors during the last three years i.e., 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and April − September, 2007. Action was taken against the erring distributors by OMCs in accordance with the provisions of the Marketing Discipline Guidelines (MDG).

(b) to (e) : The proposal to introduce computer chips i.e. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system for checking the diversion of domestic LPG cylinder has not been finalised as yet.